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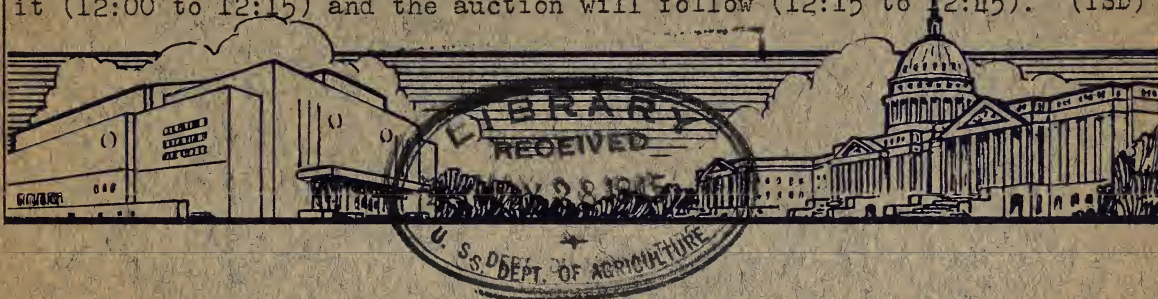
## SECOND GARDEN PRODUCE CONTEST IS SUCCESSFUL

Fifteen FCA gardeners put on another good show at the Victory Garden Produce Contest held on July 21. A total of 18 types of vegetables was included among the 41 vegetables exhibited.

The popular vote of 77 people designated Keith Scott's tomatoes as the outstanding vegetable in the show, while Esther Barnes and Irvin Dyke ran a dead heat for the best total exhibit. Judges' prizes were awarded for L. A. Townsend's green beans, Keith Scott's tomatoes, G. J. Froelke's potatoes, Don Russell's carrots, and Irvin Dyke's corn.

Grover Cleveland again staged a spirited auction although his efforts failed to boost prices to the high levels which prevailed at the previous auction. The highest price, \$1.30 was paid by Miss Waters for Esther Barnes' fine exhibit of tomatoes, corn, and cucumbers. Governor Black attended the auction and was so pleased with the show that he placed a successful bid for one of the prize-winning exhibits.

The two garden contests which have been held thus far have proven so entertaining that the Victory Garden Committee plans to continue them at 2-week intervals for the remainder of the season. The next date is August 6. Mark it on your calendar and be sure to attend both the exhibit (12:00 to 12:15) and the auction will follow (12:15 to 12:45). (ISD)





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## GRAPEVINE SPROUTS A NEW LEAF

This issue of the Grapevine brings our paper up to date. We have set up a new heading to dignify the letters from our service men and women and have placed it just below the flag that symbolizes FCA's contribution to the services. The feature "Strictly Personal" has been moved toward the center. A heading (illustrated) for "Willy" has been devised. The "Spotlight" incorporates a fourth column. Three columns during the active season for sports has never allowed sufficient room for our sports editor to do justice to his subject.

Arrangements have also been made, on a permanent basis, for additional pages 9 and 10.

## News From Field And Camp



## LETTERS FROM OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

Sgt. Milton Dendy. (c/o P.M., New York)  
I wish that I had the gift of expression to adequately describe this country - North Africa. It is both barren and beautiful. We are very fortunate in that we are able to go swimming every day in the Mediterranean. I would give 2 dollars right now, without blinking an eye, for an ice cold Coca Cola or a chocolate milkshake. We get very little news here of the outside world.

Lt. W. J. Wilson. (c/o P.M., New York)  
Greetings from England. You would enjoy your golf here as it gets dark about 11:30 p.m., at this season. You'd need a slicker most of the time though. We are very busy but pleasantly located and enjoying it. I happen to be working nights so have seen little of things; although, I did get in to London once. I was glad to receive an FCA Grapevine awhile back.



Lt. Col. Harry H. Hendricks. (Washington, D. C.) Being under orders for a change of station I am trying to clear up all unfinished business before leaving. First on my long list is to express my real appreciation for the "Grapevine" which is being sent to me so regularly. After reading and enjoying every bit of this newsy publication, I forward it to Marguerite Reynolds, now with the War Department and understand that through her it has a broad circulation and reaches many former employees of the FCA. Through the medium of the Grapevine, may I convey to my friends presently with the FCA, in the armed forces or elsewhere, my sincere regards and best wishes for continued success in their varied endeavors.

Pvt. John Frank Kearney. (Keesler Field, Miss.) The other day we had gas mask drill and had whiffs of the four big military gases which may be used in wartime: Lewisite (which smells like geranium), mustard (garlic and Mussolini), phosgene (fresh cut corn), and cloropicrin (flit) ...Calisthenics play a big part in your life here. So far I could very well entitle them "muscles I never knew till now." They're trying to make a singing Army out of us. We have song books full of military and nonmilitary airs, and sing as we go along. Right now we're not ready for Carnegie Hall, but give us time

Lt. Pat L. DiPierro. (Fort Andrews, Mass.) Thanks so much for the copies of the "Grapevine," they make interesting and welcome reading...I am located on an island 9 miles by water from Boston. It is an ideal spot for a grand summer vacation providing the War Dept. keeps me here. It is the first time I have had to make use of a boat to go to work and though it was very nice at first, it is now a tiresome 2-hour trip. My primary duty is as Mess Officer...This is an item that might be of interest. Several days ago a new group of boys came in from southern camps. They had had no potatoes during a good part of the past year. We fed them their

first beef in 2 months. Our unit has done without onions for the past 2 weeks. But with all that the soldier still receives a hearty meal with plenty to eat. For my part, I eat to live and so am contented with whatever is served except liver. I never have been able to get it past my teeth.

S/Sgt. Vernon F. Klenk. (Avon Park, Fla.) I want to thank you again for the copies of the "Grapevine." I enjoy every one of them...We've been making some real cross-country flights. I haven't very many more hours to go to have 200 hours in the air and although I've been plenty scared at times, I've really enjoyed flying. It's a real feeling of satisfaction to be able to contact our field by radio when you're hundreds of miles away.

Pvt. Ira Castles. (Randolph Field, Tex.) It seems I've had luck so far, getting into what I wanted, the Statistical Control Unit of Army Air Forces. During this week I'm doing various odd statistical jobs, like coding, waiting for orders to go to another camp about 22 miles away for 3 weeks of basic training. Upon completion of that, will return here and be given some regular assignment. It will probably be similar to my work there except the subject matter will be Air Force's men and planes instead of farm mortgages...Randolph Field is like a country club when compared with Fort Leavenworth. We use cardboard cartons for waste baskets in the Statistical office.

#### VACATION INFORMATION

A report on your return from vacation resorts will be helpful to the Vacation Information Committee. Information concerning hotel or cabin accommodations, meals, and types of recreation afforded should be sent to Zelina Ahern, room 1411 extension 216. Other future vacationists will benefit by this up-to-date first-hand information.



# Strictly Personal



Governor's Office. George H. Thomson will venture into the Army routine on July 28. He was presented with a Sheaffer pen and pencil set at a dinner at his home in Mission, Kansas...A sincere welcome is extended to Dorothy Busch from Tabulating and Irvin S. Dyke from RACC. Both are "doing nicely" in the office of J. M. Selby...A few days' leave were spent by Mary Lou Vance at her home in Salisbury, Missouri; Lucille Cramer in Abilene, Kansas; Dorothy Dyhrberg in Omaha, Nebraska (reports niece as proud owner of 6 ivories); C. W. Woodward at home; and J. M. Selby at residence in Mission, Kansas, "surveying his crops"... Robert K. McConaughy is still beaming over the first birthday of his son...Ann J. Cowan recently returned from vacation at her home in Washburn, Wisconsin, where she was matron of honor at her sister's wedding. She has now resumed duty in office and in Civil Air Patrol where she has recently been promoted to Warrant Officer. News she recently received from her brother in North Africa states that he received the Purple Heart for outstanding service and is now convalescing in a field hospital...Much relieved to hear that J. M. Selby's family has had all of the diseases going around. Friends were beginning to refer to his home as "Hospital of Mission"...I. Jeanette Walker will be leaving Thursday, July 29 to spend a few days at her home in Denver, Colorado, before entrance in the Marines.

Information & Extension. Inez Barber is spending her vacation at home with her husband who is on furlough...E. B. Reid is on a field trip.

Cooperative. Mildred Wilkes leaves August 1, to accept a position with the

Santa Fe Railroad in Wichita, Kansas... Leora Welch went to Chicago for a week... Kay Price spent a week at her home in Kansas.

Examination Division. Fame has come to our division in the form of a tomato. This tomato was a first prize winner for Keith Scott at the recent vegetable auction...Belva Valiant enjoyed a visit from her son, Bob, of the U. S. Navy...The sudden illness of Lillian Trunnell had us worried, but she is improving daily at St. Mary's Hospital...Summer visitors at the home of O. W. Zeagler are Mrs. A. G. Cook and Miss Grace Cook of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Mrs. Zeagler's mother and sister...A. E. Woolsey has transferred to Chicago to be with his family...E. G. Pankow returned to work looking rested after a week's vacation spent relaxing at home...We learned that H. M. Shields completed 20 years of service with FCA on July 9.

Solicitor's Office. E. Anthony was called home to Rhode Island by the critical illness of his father...Robert H. Shields and Henry Hilbun were recent visitors in our offices...Sally Bryant spent her vacation at Mayville, Kentucky...Ruth Lane returned from her extended sick leave...Lela and Arnold Gilbert week-ended in McPherson, Kansas, and Pauline Neider in Topeka, Kansas...Joe Spelman spent a few days catching up on his golf.

Personnel Files. Gilbert Lagergren has been called for induction into the army. He reported to Jefferson Barracks, July 21.

Library. Malcolm MacLeod is now Junior Administrator in the Chicago office of the FDA...The Library staff enjoyed a picnic at Loose Park the day before he left...Louise Pressgrove recently spent 2 weeks with relatives in Nashville. Her sister returned with her for a visit...Elizabeth Ann Egy, 3d. class petty officer, U.S.N.A.S. greeted friends at FCA during a 4-day furlough. She is now



stationed in Memphis...Lucille Achauer visited friends in Chicago and Peoria, Illinois, recently.

Finance & Accounts. Phyllis Taylor returned from her vacation spent in Chicago and Minnesota...Verna Brewer is vacationing in Carterville and Galena, Missouri.

Central Office Accounting. Earl Clarke spent several days at Wichita...Isabelle Williams is back after a long illness...Dot Martin is with her husband who is stationed at the Army School in Sioux Falls, South Dakota...Mary Rossman is now in California with her soldier husband...Eileen and Mary Hague spent the week end with friends in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas...The Audit Unit now has a Wave. Mary Linneman was sworn into the Waves on July 21...Mildred Hamilton is spending several days at her home in Mayfield, Ky., especially to see her soldier husband who is home on furlough...Loretta McMullen spent the week end with friends in St. Louis, Mo...Cecilia Jacobs is spending a 2-week vacation with friends and relatives in Salina, Kansas, Denver and Pueblo, Colorado.

Chief Clerk's Office. Eleanor Ferguson left last week for a visit with her father and mother at State College, Pa. While there she will be joined by her brother from California.

Revolving Fund. Mr. and Mrs. George Meyer have just returned from a 2-week vacation with his sister in Clinton, Ia.

Stenographic. We welcomed three new girls to the Stenographic Section, they are: Ramona Trout, Betty Jean Funk, and Mary L. Ufford...Lillian Wortman is visiting her folks at Alton, Illinois...Mrs. Gladys Hubata arrived in Los Angeles and reports that she has a position with the Navy Department on Terminal Island. Good Luck! Mrs. Champe is taking Gladys Hubata's place as Measuring Clerk for the Stenographic Section...

Mrs. Lula C. Tavenner has been enjoying a visit with her daughter from Washington, D. C. Mrs. Tavenner is planning a vacation to Waterloo, Iowa, to visit with her parents...Violet Heim has received word that her husband, who is at Camp Hahn, Riverside, California, has been promoted to a Staff Sergeant.

Production Credit. The Division recently held a farewell party for Verne Simmons at the home of K. L. Scott; Mr. Simmons has accepted a position with the American National Red Cross and will be in Washington, D. C. temporarily...The Homer Smiths are the proud parents of a baby girl born July 17...Gwendolyn Goode recently made a hurried trip to San Francisco, occasioned by the marriage of her daughter, Elinor, to D. M. Griggs, U. S. Army Air Forces. She remained in the Bay Area for her vacation visiting close relatives...Emma Lou Peak's mother from Winter Haven, Florida, has been visiting her the past 2 weeks...Margaret Frew's sister, Mrs. R. O. Baker, who recently arrived from Washington, D. C., is planning to make her home here temporarily...Lorraine Lagergren took a few days' vacation to be with her husband prior to his induction into the U. S. Army Air Forces.

Land Bank. Ruby Young spent a week's vacation with her sister in Cushing, Oklahoma, and reveled in fried chicken, roasting ears, devil's food cake, and homemade ice cream...Lucille Holmes spent a few days in Lincoln, Nebraska, and heard interesting tales of army life from her big brother...Orella Yeager is undergoing a tonsilectomy this week. We hope you get back soon, Orella, without the tonsils...Our deepest sympathy to Marie Zandonini on the sudden death of her father...Louise Shear spent a week end with her family in Wichita recently and came back to the office with sore muscles from horseback riding...It's good to have Arlene Donason back from a vacation at her home in Nebraska...We



hear that Ethel Abramovitz is a good cook ...Helen Limke, Mary Louise Smith, and Lila Owens spent last Sunday at Swope Park swimming, suntanning, and picnicking ...Captain Ernest Diebel stopped at the office to make his final goodbyes before hopping a train for Camp Custer, Michigan ...Oakley and Virginia Reynolds spent a week in the Ozarks.

**Personnel.** Margaret Gallagher has returned from a sightseeing trip to Chicago. Ask her what she thinks of Lake Michigan. ...The Van Leers have been vacationing at Bemidji, Minnesota, where they spent some of the time in fishing...Rosemary Dawes spent her vacation in town, but it was none-the-less filled with many activities...Katherine Delany, Josephine Gerdes, and Mary Frances Sandoval were seen enjoying themselves Sunday at Excelsior Springs, Missouri...Elizabeth Moyer is resigning from Farm Credit, leaving Thursday for her home in Bozeman, Montana, where she will be joined by her husband, Lt. Burton Moyer. After a short visit there, they will continue to Lt. Moyer's new assignment. Saturday evening the Personnel Division entertained with a picnic at Loose Park in honor of Mrs. Moyer. Hot dogs, ice cream, and soda pop were the picnic fare...William Moore and John Francis are spending a few days in the Ozarks partaking of some fishing. ...Elbert Smith is spending a lazy 2 weeks' vacation at home, golfing and sunning and doing some of the things one never finds time for except on vacation.

#### OUR WASHINGTON REPORTER

Our Washington office is trying to catch up on the K. C. people in the matter of blood donations - we had four this month, Stanley Smith, Kenneth Samuels, Jane Scearce, and Henry Bradford, all of CR&S Division...Saw Mildred Quimby the other day - and she says she likes her new job with War Shipping Administration...We hear that Art Weatherbee, after a brief career of 1 week in the Army, has

received a Commission as Ensign in the Navy...Your reporter is taking a week's vacation - to be spent at Virginia Beach. Too bad all you "middle westerners" can't join in a swim in the ocean!

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#### LISTEN TO THE CHANT OF THE VEGETABLE AUCTIONEER

Say, Folks, it's the hottest spot in town,  
When the bids go up and the spuds go down  
To the great and small who gather here  
At the strident chant of the Auctioneer.

He offers his wares delectible--  
Here's one place "corn" is acceptable--  
The men-folks wink to raise the bid  
(But it wouldn't be proper if I did!)

The corn that I thought so very fine  
Was carried off by a friend of mine--  
I bid on the broccoli, leaf by leaf,  
But I lost my head to a Section Chief.

I bid on carrots, tomatoes too,  
And beans, of varieties not a few,  
The Italian Squash so green and fair  
The Governor took off to his liar.

And when everything was out of sight  
I clutched four pieces of parsley tight,  
And I vowed to myself on this wise,  
"Gosh!  
Next time I've just got to get that squash!" (DEW)

#### CREDIT UNION MEMBER HONORED

William H. Albright, Jr., of the FCA Investment Section and a member of the FCA Employees Federal Credit Union, has been chosen a member of the Investment Committee of the Missouri Mutual Credit League which is affiliated with the Credit Union National Association. (MP)



## AN OLD FRIEND REMINISCES

The Staff has received a welcome letter from one of our old friends and former fellow-worker, Miss Mary Devaney, who writes:

"Yesterday the June 30 issue of the Grapevine came my way (via Helen McAuliffe), bringing homesickness for 'the good old days'!

"A group of us who used to be on the seventh floor at FCA, and who are now in the Department of Commerce, endeavor to meet for lunch in the cafeteria on Tuesday of each week. In this way I frequently see Esther Brelsford, Carmel Spicer, Louise McLuckie, Alice Taylor, and Alice Griffiths (all of us with Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce) and Dorothy Lewis and Helen McAuliffe (with Civil Aeronautics).

"Carol Tolbert, Mary Williams, Martha Green, Ruby Aldridge, Jane Housman, John Crowl, 'Lije Early, and Joe Waldron are also in the building and I see them now and then.

"What memories news of the Hobby Show brought forth! The arrangement of the exhibits is much neater than at the first show, isn't it? That's what experience will do!!

"Did you know that Kay Fuhs' husband died very suddenly on June 6 and Louise McLuckie's husband died just as suddenly on July 6? Shirley Wolstencroft is at her parents' home in Vermont because of the serious illness of her father, who is in his 80's.

"Please remember me to the 'old timers' with kindest regards to all."

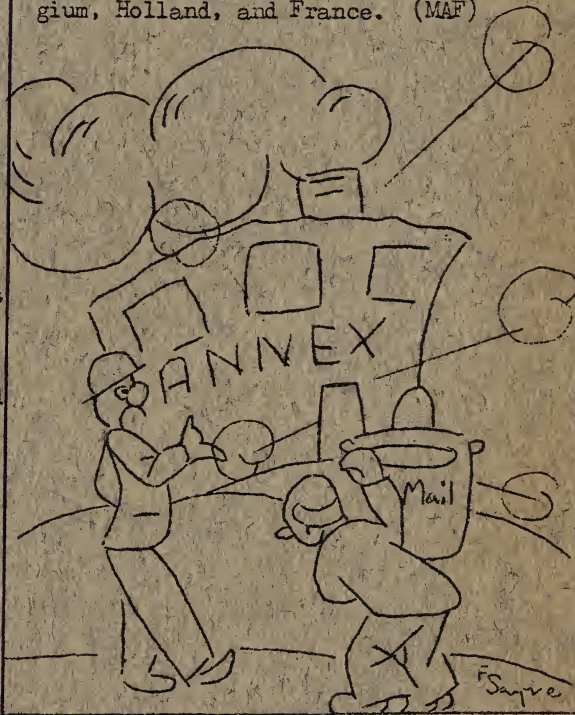
Sincerely yours,

Mary Devaney

## FREE MOTION PICTURES

August 3 - EVERYBODY'S WAR - How a mid-western town came through. 163 boys from this town, in 103-A, were sent to the Philippines, fought in the Battle of Bataan, then came Corregidor and its story of tragedy. Tells how these folks instituted means to make such a catastrophe an impossibility in the future. The story is told by Henry Fonda. MISSION ACCOMPLISHED - Portrays the "First All American Raid" and was made on the Ruhr Valley last August.

August 10 - WORLD AT WAR - A graphic history of the years 1931-1941 - from the Japanese invasion of Manchuria in 1931 to the bombing of Pearl Harbor 10 years later. Reveals the pattern of aggression in China, Ethiopia, Spain, Poland, Belgium, Holland, and France. (MAF)



"Nothing serious Bud!" it's only the Grapevine going to press.



# Willy



## Deere Ma:

Well, Ma, don't be surprised if you see my picture in the papers along with John L. Lewis. He ain't got nothing on me. I am now a member of a Union too.

One of the first things I seen when I come to work here was a sign that says Credit Union. Well, I says to myself, you go to work for a dignified outfit, you sure find out all about dignity. Credit Union may not sound as fancy as the Amalgamated International Union of Pin Setters, Cue Chalkers, Ball Rackers, Helpers and Apprentices, that we had in Kelley's Recreation Emporium the winter I was helping Uncle Charley work his way through Barber's College, but at least it's restrained which is a new word I learnt from Bill Harris. It means class without doo-dads.

So I goes into the office and there ain't nobody there but a lady, so I says, I wanta join the Union, is this where I get my working permit? Well, she looks a little funny, Ma, so I says, "The papers, I mean?"

Oh, she says, and pulls out an application blank, the which I sign, reading everything but the fine print of which there isn't anything else except. So, I says, what are the first month's dues, and she looks funny again, and she says, "Whatever you want to put in." Well, Ma, I says, this is the most fassynatin union I ever belonged to, but I figgers 10 per cent is about right, so I give her \$5, and she writes it in a book and gives the book to me.

So then, I get right to the point. When's the strike, I says. Well, her face falls a foot, and she says Young man, she says, this is a Credit Union. We don't strike.

I says, you can't get much credit for a union without you strike oncet in a while and she says, I see I better have one of the officers call on you and I says that's fine, I bet I can get him to see the light.

So, Ma, when you hear about the big Credit Union strike, watch for my picture.

Your loving son

Willy

### BOOKS FOR SALE

The Farm Credit Club Library has the following books for sale:

Fiction - 50¢

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
Mountain Meadow - John Buchan	
Only One Storm - Granville Hicks	
The Bird In the Tree - Elizabeth Goudge	
The Empty Room - Charles Morgan	
Cabbage Holiday - Anthony Thorne	
Revelry by Night - Lawrence J. Barnard	
Mr. & Mrs. Meigs - Elizabeth Corbett	
May Flavin - Myron Grinig	
The Brewers' Big Horses - Mildred Walker	

Mystery - 35¢

Many Murders - Inez Haynes Irwin	
To A Blindfold Lady - Joseph Purtell	
A Body for Bill - Lone Sandberg Shriber	
Murder at Liberty Hall - Clutton Brock	
Murder of the Fifth Columnist -	Leslie Ford
Murder with Southern Hospitality -	Leslie Ford
Road to Folly - Leslie Ford	
Murder Behind the Mike - R. L. Goldman	
The Imposter - Kurt Steel	
The Nursing Home Murder - Ngaio March and	Dr. H. Jellett
Haunted Lady - Mary Roberts Rinehart	



# Sportlight



## MEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

Eight teams have been organized for the FCA men's bowling league for the 1943-44 season. Inasmuch as the majority of bowlers preferred an earlier hour than 9 o'clock for bowling, "Contact Man" Hein was able to get 6:30 p.m., at Plaza Bowl on Monday nights. The proposed schedule will cover 32 nights, 4 of which will be devoted to "Sweepstakes." (ANM)

## FCA GOLFERS CRAVE MORE ACTION

The Farm Credit Club will sponsor a two-man team golf league starting August 1, 1943. The league will be split into two divisions consisting of approximately six teams in each division. Each team will be scheduled to play about every 7 days. The usual handicaps as applied in the past will prevail. Each participating member will receive a mimeographed copy of the rules and regulations including individual handicaps of all participants. Entrance fee will be \$1.00 per person. This money will be distributed as prize money. In addition, the Farm Credit Club will donate two individual trophies to the members of the winning team. (WSH)

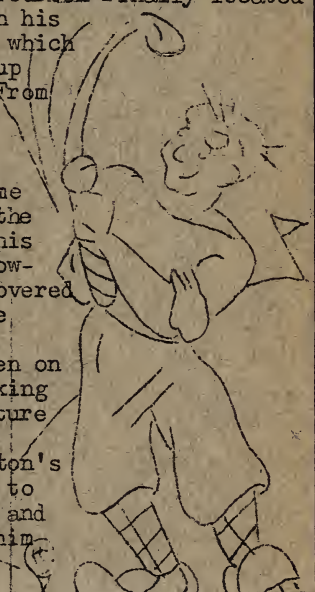
## LOWELL COLLINS CROWNED CHAMP OF MATCH PLAY TOURNAMENT



Lowell Collins and Don Warburton met on Swope Park Golf Links last Sunday to compete for the honor of having the winner's name engraved on the Farm Credit Club's silver platter and for the \$20 in War Savings Stamps contributed by the Club.

At the very beginning, it looked as though the boys were under a heavy strain. It took three strokes for both contestants to arrive on number 1 green and then an exhibition of putting started.

Collins' ball dropped in the cup after three attempts while Warburton finally located the hole on his fourth putt, which put Collins 1 up at this point. From this time on, it looked as though Collins was going to have an easy time as, at the end of the 11th hole, he had his opponent 5 down. However Warburton recovered momentarily to take numbers 12 and 13, holding Collins even on 14 and 15, and sinking a long putt to capture the 16th. Collins then matched Warburton's 6 on the 17th hole to decide the match 2 and 1, thereby making him the champ of the





## Ninth Annual Match Play Tournament.

Collins' climb to fame was accomplished by polishing off some of Farm Credit's best golfers. His initial opponent was John Simpson, who finished on the short end, 3 and 1. His next victim was Farm Credit's outstanding golfer, Bill Moore, who went down for the count of 4 and 3. Carl Colvin gave him a tough tussle but he managed to survive this by downing Colvin 2 and 1. He won over Armacost in the semifinals, 2 up.

Other contestants who will receive War Savings Stamps, contributed by the Farm Credit Club, for their tiring efforts are as follows: Don Warburton, \$10; George Thomson and G. H. Armacost, \$5 each; Carl Colvin, K. A. Brasfield, Elbert Smith and Walter Hein, \$2 each. (WSH)

## MORE KLUTZ DEFINITIONS

"Kindly expedite reply." For goodness sake, try to find the papers.

"Passed to a higher authority." Pigeon-holed in a more sumptuous office.

"Referred to you for appropriate action." Do you know what to do with it? We don't.

"We will explore the problem." We don't know what the situation is and if we did know we wouldn't know what to do about it.

"Further information and substantiating documents are requested." We've lost the stuff, so send it in again.

"Prepare this for my signature." You do the work and I'll take the credit, but if anything goes wrong you get the blame.

"Referred for remarks and recommendations." It has me stumped. You sweat awhile.

"Management expert." A person who cuts so much red tape that he makes a mess of everything.

## NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

The Farm Credit Club Library has recently received the following books:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
Torpedo 8 -	Ira Wolfert
Centennial Summer -	Albert E. Idell
A Variety of Weapons -	Rufus King
Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo -	Capt. Ted W. Lawson
The Female of the Species -	Ellery Queen
They Deal in Death -	Robert Terrall
Since You Went Away -	Margaret B. Wilder
The Ministry of Fear -	Graham Green

## SO LITTLE TO GIVE

A pint of blood is so little to give

That some heroic lad may live!

The cost is small--a bit of pain,

The valve is closed and once again

Life flows in a steady, heady

stream,

And the pain has vanished like a dream,

But the blood you gave is on its way

To save a life a world away.

Perhaps at another Guandalcanal  
Somebody's brother, sweetheart, or pal

Will live to fight, to work, to play

Because of the blood you gave today.

You won't be thanked in a formal way.

But the Red Cross banner you see  
each day

Will warm your heart and give the glow  
Only the giver of life can know.

A pint of blood is so little to give,

That Freedom, Justice, and Mercy

may live!

(From collection of SBS)